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LOCAL

C. F. Snow is in Kalamazoo attending the State Retail Hardware dealers association.

The Rebekah Lodge of Paw Paw went to Glendale Tuesday evening to install a similar lodge at that place.

Mrs. Elnora Goss returned on Wednesday from a three weeks visit with a son and family in Monteagle Tenn.

The True Northerner starts elsewhere in this issue, a letter from Lieutenant Robert Dillon. It will be concluded next week.

Merrill Fuller who was recently mustered out of the service of his country has gone to Philadelphia where he has secured a fine position.

Quite a number from this place were in Kalamazoo Monday evening to attend the performance "The Boomerang" at the Fuller theatre.

M. H. Pugsley, Leo Prater and Lew Labadie are in Fennville this week attending the annual meeting of the state Horticultural association.

Splendid resolutions were adopted by the Republican county convention at Hartford on Tuesday. Their length however forbids their publication in this issue.

Kirby Wilkens of Camp Custer and his brother Kenneth Wilkens who was recently mustered out of the Naval service, visited a couple of days last week with Paw Paw friends.

Lieutenant Lloyd Harvey who has enjoyed a ten days furlough at home, returned to New York city on Monday. He expects to remain in the Aviation service of the army.

Government Army Trucks continue to pass through Paw Paw enroute from Detroit to Chicago. The Schedule has been changed however so that Paw Paw is no longer a stopping place.

A wire to Mrs. Frank Isbell last Monday stated that her husband Lieutenant Frank Isbell had arrived in New York City from Overseas. Mrs. Isbell left on Thursday to meet him in Chicago.

Mrs. E. H. Harvey who has been spending the winter in Detroit was in Paw Paw on Tuesday. She will spend the balance of the winter in Kalamazoo, then return to her Paw Paw home for the summer.

A Masonic school of instruction has been called to meet in Paw Paw on the evening of March 26th. Lodges from Mattawan, Lawton and Lawrence will be in attendance. The Third Degree will be conferred by Paw Paw Lodge.

Lieutenant Murray Boess spent the week end here with his mother and sister. He has been stationed in the east for several weeks, and was enroute to Ellington Field, Texas where he will be located for the present. He is a member of the aviation corps of the regular army.

Attention is called to two auction sales advertised in these columns this week. The first for R. A. Couey on the "Rowland and Shaefer Farm" on Monday, February 17th, the other for A. B. Frisbie at his place north on the Allegan road on Wednesday, Feb. 19th. Both will be big auctions and should have large crowds of lively bidders.

Friday, February 21st, has been selected as "Parent and Patron" day in the local schools. Special exhibits will be made in the various grades and departments and it will be expected that every parent who can possibly do so will be in attendance some time during the afternoon. A little more interest shown by parents and patrons of the schools would not only be a big advantage to the pupils, but an encouragement to the instructors.

Lewis G. Long died at their home in this village last Sunday, February 9th. He was the son of Wm. and Anna Long and was born in Paw Paw, October 23rd, 1876. This village has been his home during his entire life time. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last October and gradually failed since that time. He leaves two brothers, William of Lawton and Henry of this place, and one sister Elizabeth. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church on Tuesday, Father Clarkson officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Supervisor Kirby of Covert was in Paw Paw last Friday.

Rev. Arthur Trott is able to be out again after a weeks illness.

Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman has been in Detroit during the past week.

Mrs. Imogene Hurd is in Coldwater for a visit with friends in that city.

Mrs. Donald Payne of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. Fred Soule this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dunbar of Kalamazoo were Paw Paw visitors last Monday.

Sergeant Bill Killefer came home from Camp Custer Thursday to attend the Firemen's Dance.

Robert Martin has gone to Montana where he will improve his "claim" during the summer months.

Miss Winnie Dunham is absent from her duties at the First National Bank on account of illness.

Mrs. C. F. Snow returned last Monday from Cleveland, Ohio where she has been to visit her daughter, Miss Frieda.

H. C. Waters is in Kalamazoo this week attending the annual meeting of the State Retail Hardware dealers association.

Don't forget the Social Dancing party at the Opera House Tuesday evening, February 25th. Brocato's orchestra.

Al Hindenach and family have moved into the Baptist Parsonage until their home can be fully repaired from the recent fire.

There was no meeting of the Coterie last Wednesday owing to the death of Mrs. Mary Murdock, a life member and one who has done much for the club.

We understand that Mrs. LeGrand R. Hammond and little child of Decatur are moving into the Lofts house on Elm street and will make Paw Paw their future home.

There will be a special communication of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening, Feb. 18th. Work in the E. A. Degree. A good attendance is urged.

There will be a special convocation of Paw Paw chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening, February 17th. The M. M. M. degree will be conferred on two candidates. Every Chapter Mason should be there.

Mrs. Cora Barrows of Lawrence who has been spending some little time at the home of her daughter Mrs. George Weston returned to her home last Saturday.

"Pat" the fine dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sherman lost his life in the waters of Maple Lake last Tuesday. He was playing on the ice and went to near the channel breaking through the thin ice. He clung to the edge of the ice for a long time, but was unable to climb out, and there was no way to reach him owing to the thin ice. He was a fine animal and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman feel the loss keenly.

There has been a question for some time as to whether it would be necessary for a Primary Election to be held in Van Buren county this year or not. The Attorney General of the state has ruled that it will not be necessary. There is but one county nomination to be made this spring, that of County School Commissioner. February 11 was the last day for filing nominating petitions, and but one was filed, that of E. V. Root to succeed himself. The Attorney General has ruled that where but one petition is filed, it is equivalent to a nomination, and does away with the necessity of a Primary. Mr. Root has served in the capacity of Commissioner for the past few years. He has been a splendid official and has conducted the affairs of his office so well that no one cared to oppose him for the nomination or election. He is a popular and hard working commissioner who has the respect and good will of the entire county. He should have the special thanks of the Claims Committee of the Board of Supervisors for eliminating the expense of the Primary election, thereby saving quite a number of "Perfectly Good Dollars" to the county. Hats off to Mr. Root. Our highly esteemed, vigilant and economical friend, the Supervisor, is not the only good man who hails from Bangor.

Ford Wilbur was a Kalamazoo visitor on Saturday last.

Miss Marian Mutchler is home from the U. of M. for a weeks visit.

Mrs. John I. Breck of Jackson is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCabe.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Van Vleck and Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Miller spent Saturday last in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. John Engle of Hastings is the pleasant guest of Mrs. J. B. Ayton and other Paw Paw friends this week.

Dr. Verne Van Fossen has returned from Cleveland, Ohio where she has spent the past five months doing special work in Pyorrhea and Oral Prophylaxis.

During the month of December there were more deaths than births reported to the department of state in Michigan. The figures are Deaths; 6,398; births, 6,360.

One of the important amendments to be voted on at the April election will be for a fifty million dollar Good Roads Bond issue. "Put Michigan Over the Top and out of the Mud" will be the slogan in the campaign.

Word comes to Paw Paw friends of the death of Mrs. Lyman Glover at her home in Chicago on Monday of this week. The Glovers have had a summer home at Eagle Lake for a number of years and have a host of friends here.

The U. S. Treasury department announce that there will be no general extension of time beyond March 15th, for the filing of returns and for the payment of Income and Excess Profit tax due on that date. A financial emergency makes it necessary to get the initial tax payments in by March 15. The forms for the tax returns are being printed and all forms will be in the hands of the collectors between February 15th, and March 1st.

Farmers of Michigan expect to secure more careful and intelligent consideration of their problems as the result of the organization by them of the Michigan Farm Bureau association at the M. A. C. last week. The move is destined to become the most influential farmers organization in the state.

John Knowles died at his home in Colorado last October, but the news of his death has just reached Paw Paw through a letter from the Hon. Ned Hilton of Denver, Colorado, to H. W. McCabe. Mr. Knowles was at one time a resident of Van Buren county. A member of the Van Buren county bar, and Circuit Court Commissioner. He will be remembered by many of the older residents of the county.

The True Northerner starts a weekly legislative letter from Hon. Lynn J. Lewis in this issue. It will be found of special interest inasmuch as the principal happenings of the legislature will be reviewed from week to week. It will be noted in this weeks letter that the fee for the burial of indigent soldiers has been increased from \$55.00 to \$100.00. No mention is made as yet however of a bill to increase the Supervisors salary to \$6.00 per day as recommended by the Legislative committee of the Board of Supervisors at its recent session.

The republican township caucus for the election of seventeen delegates to attend the county convention was held in the Council rooms last Saturday afternoon. The attendance was unusually large for a caucus of this kind. There was but one lady present when the caucus was called to order and she was honored by being named as chairman of the caucus and also chairman of the delegation to attend the county convention. Three others, Mrs. Eugene Winterscheidt, Mrs. B. M. Cuddebach and Mrs. Frank Van Blaricom came in later in time to vote for delegates. The officers of the caucus were, Mamie E. Wakeman, chairman; Wm. C. Mosier, secretary; B. F. Warner and R. W. Broughton, Tellers. Following are the delegates elected to the county convention:—Mamie E. Wakeman, Olivia J. C. Woodman, B. F. Warner, R. W. Broughton, W. A. Prater, W. C. Mosier, Glenn E. Warner, Fred Woodman, H. H. Adams, H. C. Waters, M. H. Young, Henry Shaefer, H. D. Spicer, F. N. Wakeman, E. V. Root, Andrew Lang, David Anderson. On motion, Leo A. Prater, H. C. Waters and Fred Woodman were elected township committee for the ensuing year.

Mrs. John Mutchler has been a guest of Grand Rapids friends this week.

Ward Menter has been honorably discharged from the army and is at home.

Mrs. Horace Adams entertained her mother, Mrs. Wood of Lawton several days last week.

Mrs. G. S. Scovel left on Thursday for Benton Harbor where she will take the baths to seek relief from neuritis.

There was a light fall of snow last Friday night, but a few hours of sunshine the following day removed it all.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Elvira Morrison next Tuesday, February 18, for dinner.

Mrs. George Chamberlain of Hartford was in Paw Paw on Wednesday last on business connected with the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler arrived home from Kalamazoo last Friday and expect to leave some time this week for Columbus, Ohio.

Hale Harrington was recently mustered out of military service and spent several days last week among Paw Paw relatives and friends.

Mrs. Rena Beach was calling on Glendale friends on Tuesday, and also attended the meeting for the organization of a Rebekah lodge at that place in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCarty will have as week end guests Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnabee and son Wesley of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Tucker of Comstock.

The Decatur High school building was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin last Tuesday night. The fire originated in the basement of the building which was in a mass of flames when discovered. The building with its entire equipment is a mass of ruins. It was a two story brick building, and will be rebuilt during the coming summer. In the meantime efforts are being made to secure ample room to continue the school work for the balance of the year.

The next meeting of the Coterie will come next Wednesday, February 19th, at the club house in the afternoon. It will be a "Community Health Day" in charge of Mesdames Grace Miller and Zilpha Ferguson. Miss Mary Trefford of Kalamazoo will be the principal speaker and a fine musical program is being prepared. This will be an "Open Day" with the Coterie and every lady in Paw Paw is urged to attend this meeting. No guest fee will be taken. Every member of the club is expected to attend and bring others with her.

A clipping from the Kinder, Arkansas newspaper sent to Mrs. Allison Johnson, gives the sad news of the death of Mrs. W. J. Camp at her home in that village on February 3rd. Deceased was born in Paw Paw, November 23rd, 1888, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mentor, who will be remembered by many Paw Paw people. Metha was her name and she went to Arkansas with her parents in 1901. She leaves a husband and one son to mourn her, and many Paw Paw friends of the Menter family will extend tender sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Following are the subjects incorporated in resolutions adopted by the Van Buren county Gleaners at a recent convention held in Hartford. It will be noted that this organization is opposed to the raise in Supervisors salary to \$6.00 per day as advocated by that Honorable body at its last session in Van Buren county. 1. Approved the program for reconstruction adopted by the National Farmer's Congress on Reconstruction. 2. In favor of a more stringent dog tax law. 3. In favor of abolishing the office of township treasurer, the paying taxes direct to the county treasurer. 4. In favor of the state appropriating \$100,000 for fairs, one-third for the Detroit and Grand Rapids fairs, and two-thirds to be divided among the county fairs of the state. 5. Opposed to Supervisors receiving \$6.00 per day. 6. Asked the ladies to be sure to register, so they can vote this spring. 7. Recommended the defeat of the "wine and beer" amendment. 8. Recommended more co-operation between the farmers of the county.

Ivan Gardner Keyes and Miss Mabel Bullard, both of Decatur, were married at the Methodist parsonage on Tuesday, Rev. Arthur Trott officiating.

Carl Pusikirk is suffering from a severe attack of blood poisoning in his hand. The infection started from the prick of a pin, and has had a serious time. It is getting better now however.

John Haworth is now writing contracts for the Budlong Pickle company for cucumber acreage next year. He has been with this company now for the past seven years. He states that the company will establish a Receiving Station at Almenna Mills which will be a great convenience to pickle growers in that vicinity the coming year.

A committee of Paw Paw Boosters were in Kalamazoo on Wednesday to attend a meeting of the stock holders of the Eddy Paper Mill Company, and to confer with them in regard to the desirability of Paw Paw as a site for their contemplated new plant. A committee was named by the stock holders to visit Paw Paw and investigate the proposition.

Mrs. Victoria C. Murdock passed away at the home of her niece, Mrs. Clara Rennie in this village last Sunday. Had this estimable lady lived until Thursday of this week, she would have reached her 96th, milestone. She is survived by her two nieces, Mrs. Rennie with whom she has resided for many years, and Mrs. LeGrand R. Hammond of Decatur, besides other relatives and a large circle of admiring friends. The funeral was held from the residence on Thursday afternoon and interment was in the family lot in the Prairie Ronde cemetery. An extended obituary will be published in these columns next week.

The Hindenach residence had a close call from fire last Saturday just after the dinner hour, and was badly damaged as it was. Fire caught from the chimney in the garret, and had a good start through the roof and gables when discovered by one of the neighbors. It was only by the prompt and efficient services of the fire department that the building was saved. All the furniture with the exception of a few pieces up stairs was removed and carried to a place of safety by the neighbors. Some of the rugs were quite badly damaged and furniture marred, but it was a piece of good fortune to save it at all. The loss is covered by insurance, and Mr. Hindenach and family are moving to the Baptist parsonage to live until the residence is repaired. They are very grateful to the Fire department and neighbors and friends for the timely assistance.

One of the most pleasant and really enjoyable functions ever held in Paw Paw was the "Fathers' and Sons' " banquet at the Coterie club rooms on Tuesday evening. It was the first event of its kind ever held in this village, and judging from the comments made on the success of the first venture, it will not be the last. One hundred and sixty of the boys and their "Dads" sat down to a fine spread at half past six o'clock after which with Attorney T. J. Cavanaugh officiating as toast master, an informal program was enjoyed. To open the program, the audience arose and sang America. From the high school, James Maxwell responded to the toast "Comradship" Robert Webb "Fidelity" and Nelson Waters, "Confidence." Others to be introduced by the toastmaster for responses were, F. N. Wakeman, E. V. Root, Glenn E. Warner, David Anderson and A. Lynn Free. The response of Mr. Free is worthy of special mention. He has few equals as an after dinner speaker, and always holds the close attention of any audience who are fortunate enough to hear him. His tribute to "Mother and Father" was a masterpiece. Mr. Cavanaugh also presided in a pleasing manner and was the right man for the piece. The musical numbers were vocal selection by Mitt Dow, Messrs. Mosier, Spicer, Haworth and Warner, Prof. Castle and the High school band. The program was one of merit throughout. The responses by the three students of the high school were excellent and these young men are all a credit to their parents and their school. The banquet served by the ladies of the Coterie was excellent and they were the recipients of many compliments for the prompt and efficient manner in which it was served.

The sixth grade has divided its class into four parts, each part representing an army under the titles of Pershing, Foch, Haig, and Diaz. The campaign is to determine which army has the best spellers. Their rank for the first ten days is as follows:—Pershing, 98.6; Diaz, 97.5; Haig, 96.4; Foch, 90.7. The winning army will furnish the entertainment at the banquet to be given February 14th, by the other three armies.

After an illness of nearly three years, Frank S. Libbie, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Cordelia Libbie in Paw Paw on January 29th. He was born March 22nd, 1867 in Almenna, Michigan and lived in Almenna and Paw Paw until sixteen years of age, when he engaged in merchandising and continued until his last illness. He leaves two children, Mrs. Maud L. Greve of Oak Park, Illinois and Frank L. Libbie Jr. of South Bend Indiana, one brother, Albert Libbie and his mother, Mrs. Cordelia Libbie who ministered to him with the tenderest devotion during the long months of his illness. These with other friends mourn his departure.

The republican county convention was held in Hartford on Tuesday, and delegates elected to attend the State Convention to be held in the city of Lansing on Tuesday, February 18th. There was a liberal sprinkling of lady delegates in the convention, and they were heartily commended by every speaker for the interest manifested in their newly acquired rights. The convention was called to order by Donald F. Cochrane of Hartford, who after a brief address called Glenn E. Warner of Paw Paw to the chair as presiding officer. Mr. Warner gave a short patriotic address on state and national issues. Mrs. Katherine Cornish of Lawton was named secretary and Mesdames C. W. Johnson of Lawton and G. F. Young of South Haven, tellers. The officers were sworn by Judge David Anderson. On motion the chairman appointed the following committees:—Credentials—C. M. Van Riper, Charles Duncombe, George Monroe; Permanent Organization and Order of Business—Irving Long, John Cornish, Roger Siggins; Resolutions—Don F. Cochrane, Mrs. Jennie L. Ayars, Frank Cleveland. Following is the list of delegates named to the state convention:—Glenn E. Warner, M. H. Young, Paw Paw; Edward Hickey, Sylvester M. Carpp, Hartford; Mac Duncombe, Lewis Timons, Keeler; Thomas G. Spellman, Covert; George Schemenauer, Emerson A. Orr, Bangor; Geo. A. Cross, Lawrence; W. R. Siggins, Columbia; Charles Lytle, Porter; D. C. Leisenring, George C. Monroe, Mrs. J. C. Manning, South Haven; Jesse G. Wiles, Decatur; Mrs. Carrie Ewers and Mrs. Katherine Cornish, Antwerp.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Salisbury have received two recent letters from their soldier son, Lynn. Both dated from Bertrich, Germany, one December 27 the other January 3rd. Lynn, was in the heavy fighting from Chateau Thierry to Argonne and came through without a scratch. He is now a member of the 4th Military Police with the army of occupation. He is well and O. K., but "patiently waiting for the ship that takes us home." He longs for Mother, and good old home made pies and cakes, and the companionship of father. He has had the pleasure of crossing the Rhine River, something that very few American soldiers are allowed to do. It requires a special pass, and Lynn enclosed the Pass for the inspection of his parents. Lynn will have a wonderful story to tell when he reaches home. We quote the following from the letters, which will give some idea of what this one Paw Paw soldier has been through:—"I can now write and tell you what fronts I have been on. The first was Chateau Thierry, which you no doubt have read so much about, so won't go into detail to describe it. The next was the St. Mihiel front, the only front that General Pershing had full charge of. We captured and took 13,300 prisoners in two days in that drive. The next was the Verdun, which was fairly quiet, and the last but not least, was the Argonne. It was here that we fought for forty-eight days without relief. Our Division started that drive on land that hadn't been moved for four years. We lost a third of our men on this front, in fact I think it was much harder fighting and a much harder front than Chateau Thierry. Will leave the rest to tell you upon my arrival home."